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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED CASE STIRS AGAIN

1. TURKISH VERSION OF LOCKHEED SCANDAL, WHICH HAS BEEN QUIESCENT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS WHILE TURKISH POLITICAL CRISES UNFOLDED, RESURFACED BRIEFLY IN FEBRUARY 13 PRESS. HURRIYET (HALF-MILLION PLUS CIRCULATION, MASS-APPEAL, OFTEN ANTI-JP) REPORTED THAT GOT HAS PROPOSED NEW AGREEMENT WITH U.S. ON ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS ON LOCKHEED CASE AS WELL AS ON TURKISH AIRLINES PURCHASE OF PASSENGER AIRCRAFT FROM MCDONNELL DOUGLAS.

2. SAME NEWSPAPER ALSO COMMENTS THAT NEW AGREEMENT TO BE REQUESTED BY GOT WILL NOT LIMIT ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS PROVIDED BY U.S. ONLY TO PROSECUTING AUTHORITIES. ACCORDING TO HURRIYET,
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THIS PROHIBITION DOES NOT APPLY IN AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SOME OTHER INTERESTED COUNTRIES SUCH AS HOLLAND, AND TURKEY WILL SEEK SAME TREATMENT. INVESTIGATION WILL BE PURSUED BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FARUK SUKAN, ONE OF WHOSE FUNCTIONS IS TO INVESTIGATE GOVERNMENT IRREGULARITIES.

3. ALI HIKMET ALP, MFA DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, WHO IS LIAISON PERSON IN FOREIGN OFFICE ON THIS MATTER, TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE WAS UNAWARE THAT GOT HAD MADE SUCH A REQUEST.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON TURKISH APPROACHES, IF ANY, ON THIS SUBJECT IN WASHINGTON. SPIERS UNQTE VANCE

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